

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited with the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 8, 2004.

Objections to the Specification

The Abstract has been objected to because the term “ES” is not defined. Applicant has provided an amended Abstract defining the term “ES” as “Elementary Stream.”

Claim Objections

Claim 10 has been objected to because the term “said trigger” allegedly has no antecedent basis. Applicant has changed the dependency of claim 10 from claim 8 to claim 9, as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,628,890 to Yamamoto et al. (“Yamamoto”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,365 to Messenger (“Messenger”).

With regard to independent claim 1, the combination of Yamamoto and Messenger does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Addressing Yamamoto first, the reference does not disclose or suggest at least acquiring and retaining a start file from a determined elementary stream and analyzing the start file to automatically acquire and retain a plurality of files linked

by anchors within each file. Yamamoto discloses index file creation means and storage means for creating and storing an index file composed of header information obtained from digital image data files read from a storage medium (column 3, lines 1-43). The index file is then read by an index file reading means and used for creating a desired video output (Id.). Rather than creating and storing a separate index file, Applicant's invention, creates a video output by acquiring and retaining a start file from a determined elementary stream and analyzing the start file to automatically acquire and retain a plurality of files linked by anchors within each file.

Messenger does not cure the deficiencies of Yamamoto. The disclosure of Messenger is directed to a multicast system where data is transmitted to multiple recipients using the distributed resources of those recipients in a tree-like manner (Abstract). A user wishing to download a file connects to the network and is given the file size and number of frames in advance while the file is continually broadcast in a circular fashion allowing the user to obtain all required frames of the file (column 27, lines 1-15). Unlike Applicant's invention, Messenger does not creates a video output by acquiring and retaining a start file from a determined elementary stream and analyzing the start file to automatically acquire and retain a plurality of files linked by anchors within each file. Therefore, even if one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made had been motivated to combine Yamamoto and Messenger, the resulting combination still would not disclose or suggest the invention as claimed.

For at least the above reasons, independent claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Yamamoto and Messenger. Independent claims 2, 5 and 8 contain features similar to the features recited in claim 1 and are therefore patentable for similar reasons.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto in view of Messenger as applied to the claims above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,404 to Brotz et al. ("Brotz").

The combination of Yamamoto, Messenger and Brotz does not disclose or suggest the invention as claimed. As noted above, the combination of Yamamoto and Messenger does not disclose at least creating a video output by acquiring and retaining a start file from a determined elementary stream and analyzing the start file to automatically acquire and retain a plurality of files linked by anchors within each file. The disclosure of Brotz is directed to a digital TV web page caching system capable of updating stored web pages (column 11, lines 5-9). Brotz does not, however, disclose or suggest the above-noted features deficient in the Yamamoto-Messenger combination.

For at least the above reasons, and in view of the patentability of independent claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 from which claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 depend, claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 are patentable over the combination of Yamamoto, Messenger and Brotz.

IV. Conclusion



In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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